Direct tax income

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(a) budget estimates and a total direct taxes income from the year 2001-02 to the year 2005-06, year-wise;

(b) budget estimates and a total indirect taxes income from the year 2001-02 to the year 2005-06, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that actual direct and indirect taxes income has been more than budget estimates; and

(d) if so, whether there is any proposal to bring down rates of indirect taxes on such items which directly affect common man in this budget?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Total budget *vis-a-vis* actual collections in respect of direct and indirect taxes are as follows:

(Rs. in crore)

Financial Year	Direct Taxes		Indirect Taxes	
	Total Budget Estimates	Actual Collection	Total Budget Estimates	Actual Collection
2001-02	84800	69198	140992	117318
2002-03	91140	83088	143702	132608
2003-04	95569	105088	155256	148600
2004-05	139365	132771	177599	170936
2005-06	176812	165208	192215	199348

(c) So far as direct taxes are concerned, only in F.Y. 2003-04 the actual collection has been more than budget estimates. In case of indirect taxes, actual collection has been more than budget estimates during 2005-06.

(d) The Government has already reduced customs and/or excise duties on a wide range of commodities including wheat, maize, pulses, edible oils, processed foods, industrial raw materials and capital goods over the last few months. The price situation is carefully monitored and fiscal and monetary responses made as and when needed.